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Attorney Docket No. 502611-CIP

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In re Application of:

Horst et al.

Art Unit: 3677

Application No.: 10/803,308

Examiner: Michael J. Kyle

Filed: March 18, 2004

For: FLOOR COVERING POSITIONER

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANTS' AGE
(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because the Applicants are over sixty-five (65) years of age.

In accordance with MPEP 708.02 IV, an Affidavit by each of the Applicants, showing Applicants' age to be over sixty-five (65) years, is attached hereto.

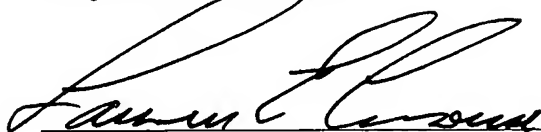
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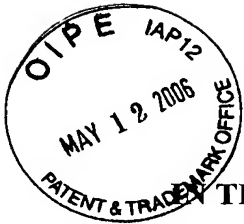
In view of the above, Applicants request that the Petition to Make Special be granted and the examination of the application be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence E. Crowe", is written over a horizontal line.

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AFFIDAVIT AS TO APPLICANT'S AGE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c)

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Dear Sir:

I, Patricia J. Horst, hereby depose and say:

THAT I am over the age of sixty-five (65) years;

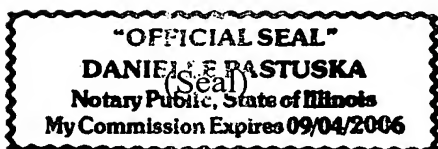
THAT the above fact, to the best of my knowledge, is true, and that I understand that any false statements or the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Signed this 9 day of May, 2006.


Patricia J. Horst

STATE OF Illinois)
COUNTY OF Waukegan)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 2006,




Notary Public

My commission expires on 9/4/06



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Dear Sir:

I, Bruce E. Horst, hereby depose and say:

THAT I am over the age of sixty-five (65) years;

THAT the above fact, to the best of my knowledge, is true, and that I understand that any false statements or the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Signed this 9 day of May, 2006.

Bruce E. Horst
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 2006,

Danielle Pastuska
Notary Public



My commission expires on 9/4/06